

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Remarks**

By this Amendment, the rejected claims have all been canceled, leaving only allowed independent claim 13 pending. The cancellation of the claims is to be considered made without prejudice to re-filing of all claims.

In view of the allowability of claim 13, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Amendments to the Claims**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

1-12 (canceled)

13. (previously presented) An apparatus for authenticating a document including:

a receptacle to receive the document;

means to scan the document as the document enters the receptacle;

data transfer means to transfer scanned data from the scanning means;

and card means operable to receive the data; so arranged that:

the document can only be released from the receptacle when the card means is placed in, or read by, a card reader associated with the receptacle.

14-29 (canceled)